(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) A Standing Committee to resolve issues connected with inter-State water disputes has been constituted in April, 1990 under the Chairmanship of Minister of Water Resources. Draft National Policy Guidelines for water allocation of inter-State rivers have also been prepared and these have been discussed by the National Water Board. These are required to be finally approved by the National Water Resources Council before these are circulated for guidance of all concerned. The Union Government makes all efforts to resolve the inter-State water disputes including water sharing among the States amicably through negotiations and mutual discussions. When efforts to resolve the water disputes through negotiations are not successful, the dispute is referred to the Tribunal under inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956.

Master Plan for Majuli Island of Assam

1375. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of flood and erosion control projects submitted by Government of Assam;

(b) the list of project sanctioned with financial outlays, implementation status and number of projects awaiting sanction during Ninth Five year Plan; and

(c) the names of various schemes proposed for flood control erosion protection, model study and preparation of Master Plan for Majuli Island of Assam to be implemented during Ninth Plan alongwith amount proposed, amount sanctioned and achievement made so far?

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESORUCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The Government of Assam has submitted in all, 127 schemes for flood management costing Rs. 437.55 crore to the Union Government during 1997 and 1998 of IX Plan. Out of these, 61 schemes, costing Rs. 146.52 crore have been given investment clearance. Technical clearance on 6 schemes, costing Rs. 12.25 crore has been accorded. 1 (one) scheme, costing Rs. 4.51 crore was deleted from the appraisal list of the Union Government as no response was received from the State Government for more than two years. 28 schemes, each costing less than Rs. 3 crore do not require clearance from the Union Government as the these schemes are within the purview of sanction by the State Government due to enhancement of power of sanction. These schemes have been returned to the State Government. 31 schemes costing Rs. 216.15 crore are under appraisal. Flood Control Schemes are planned and executed by the Government of Assam as per their own priority with funds allocated by the Union Government under State Flood Control Sector. In Addition to the funds allocated to the State Plan Sector, Central loan assistance of Rs. 18 crore annually have been released to the Government of Assam during 1997-98 and 1998-99.

(c) In all, 3 schemes namely, Protection of Kaniajan area from the erosion of river Brahmaputra, Strengthening of check dam at Dakhinpat and construction of dowel bund along the road from Kamalabari to Brahmaputra dyke, costing a total of Rs. 6.84 crore have been taken up by the Government of Assam for flood

management and erosion protection works for Majuli Island. The Brahmaputra Board has completed Model study for protection of Majuli Island in different reaches of Kaniajan area from the erosion of river Brahmaputra. The Board has also prepared Master Plan of Majuli Island for protection against erosion.

Gains of Kalpasar Project

1376. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government has drawn out an ambitious Rs. 300 billion Kalpasar project, aiming a harvesting of about 14,000 million cubic litres of water of the seven reivers that flows into the ocean;

(b) if so, the details of the project indicating the quantity of power water expected to be available for irrigation and other purposes and with the implementation of the project, phase-wise; and

(c) the Central and State Government's Contributions to the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) No such project by the name Kalpasar for harnessing water of the seven rivers that flow into the ocean has been received form the Government of Gujarat.

Irrigation Facilities in Madhya Pradesh

†1377. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the States lagging behind in achieving the national target of irrigation;

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†Original notice of the question received in Hindi.